Friends:

Please be advised of this community event today in Echo Park. Councilmember O'Farrell will be on hand to read a book to kids at 12:30p.

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## Art, Literacy, and Community Festival Brings Storytelling, Art-Making, and Reading to Echo Park

ECHO PARK -- The *Art, Literacy, and Community Festival* will bring together public and private organizations to promote reading, literacy, and the arts in the Echo Park community through storytelling, workshops, live music, performances, youth art, and more. The Festival is inspired by the <u>Big Read Program in Los Angeles</u>, an NEA funded initiative of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) promoting dialogue and literacy through cultural partnerships throughout the city.

Activities will include:

- Distribution of free copies of books from the current and past *Big Read Program in Los Angeles* sponsored by DCA
- A Reading by Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell from one his favorite books
- Tree Planting by the City of Los Angeles City Plants program on empty tree wells along Logan Street and Free Tree Giveaways
- Library Card Sign Ups with the Los Angeles Public Library
- A Reading by LA Dodger Dennis Powell who will also give away Dodger items
- Performances by Gabriella Charter School's Company K!ds, Logan Span School, and Elysian Heights Elementary
- Workshops on writing, recycling, bookmark making, and personalized book making inspired by natural materials

What: Art, Literacy, and Community Festival

When: Saturday, June 3, 2017 from Noon to 4pm Location: 1700 W. Montana St, Los Angeles 90026 Admission: Free

For more information please call: 213.202.5567

Festival partners include:

Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell; Los Angeles Public Library; Craft and Folk Art Museum; Echo Park Historical Society; 826LA; local artists; Echo Park Neighborhood Council; Trash Free Earth; the Los Angeles Dodgers; Echo Park Recreation Complex; 7Eleven Echo Park; Echo Park Parade Committee; Trash Free Earth; City of Los Angeles Fire Department; City of Los Angeles Electric Vehicle Carshare Program; Logan Span School; Gabriella Charter School; Elysian Heights Elementary School; City Plants and North East Trees; Leimert Park Village Book Fair; and more.

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